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Representative Rob Brooks Praises the Joint Finance Committee's Work on Next Generation 911

Madison, WI—Today, Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) applauded the work of the Joint Finance Committee's (JFC) recommendation to modernize Wisconsin's 911 emergency system. These are the initial steps in creating and maintaining a sustainable, reliable 911 emergency system that services all Wisconsinites.

"For far too long, Wisconsinites have paid a police and fire protection tax that failed to be utilized to maintain our emergency services. Due to these inequities, Wisconsin's emergency services have not been modernized to the same degree as other technologies. This motion seeks to enhance our 911 system and will allow residents to respond via, phone call, text message, and video conferencing during an emergency", said Rep. Rob Brooks

The Joint Finance Committee approved the following:

- Creation of a Director of Emergency Communication Director
- Creation of a 911 Subcommittee directed to implement Next Generation 911
- Funding to implement and install Next Generation 911 enhancements and equipment

"Wisconsinites need 21st century technology to ensure safety in an emergency situation; Next Generation 911 accomplishes this goal. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure this motion remains within the biennial budget," said Rep. Rob Brooks.

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